

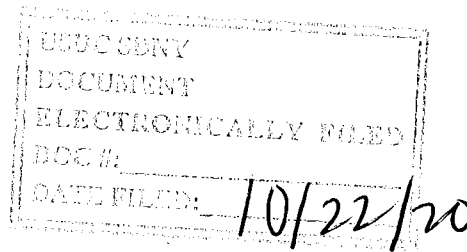
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JOHN CREWS, JR.,

Defendant.
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ORDER

13 CR 835-01 (VB)

The re-sentencing in this case is now scheduled for October 29, 2020, at 11:00 a.m.

Rule 43(a)(3) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure ordinarily requires the defendant's physical presence at sentencing. During the current national public health emergency, however, under Section 15002(b)(2)(A) and (b)(4) of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act, the Court is empowered to conduct a sentencing by videoconference (or telephone conference if videoconferencing is not reasonably available) if (i) the defendant consents after consultation with counsel, and (ii) the Court finds "for specific reasons" that the "sentencing . . . cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice."

Because of the public health emergency, the Court expects to conduct the re-sentencing hearing in this case by videoconference (or by telephone conference if videoconferencing is not reasonably available), provided that defendant, after consultation with counsel, waives his right to be physically present for the re-sentencing, consents to appear by video or teleconference, and demonstrates a sufficient basis for conducting the proceeding remotely.

Accordingly, it is HEREBY ORDERED:

1. By October 27, 2020, defense counsel shall advise the Court in writing (i) as to whether his client waives his right to be physically present and consents to appear at the re-sentencing hearing by videoconference or telephone conference, and (ii) why re-sentencing should proceed remotely on October 29, 2020, and cannot be delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.

2. The Court will arrange for the re-sentencing hearing to proceed by videoconference (or by telephone conference if videoconferencing is not reasonably available). The proceeding will be conducted through CourtCall. In advance of the re-sentencing, Chambers will email all counsel with further information on how to access the conference. Those participating by video will be provided a link to be pasted into their web browser. **The link is non-transferrable and can be used by only one person; further, it should be used only at the time of the sentencing hearing because using it earlier could result in disruptions to other proceedings.** To optimize the quality of the video feed, only the Court, defendant, defense counsel, and counsel for the government will appear by video for the proceeding; all others will participate by telephone. Due to the limited capacity of the CourtCall system, only one counsel per party may participate. Co-counsel, members of the press, and the

public may access the audio feed of the conference by calling 855-268-7844 and using access code 67812309# and PIN 9921299#.

2. To optimize use of the CourtCall technology, all those participating by video should:
 - a. Use the most recent version of Firefox, Chrome, or Safari as the web browser. Do **not** use Internet Explorer.
 - b. Use hard-wired internet or WiFi. If using WiFi, the device should be positioned as close to the Wi-Fi router as possible to ensure a strong signal. (Weak signals may cause delays or dropped feeds.)
 - c. Minimize the number of others using the same WiFi router during the conference.
3. If CourtCall does not work well enough and the Court decides to transition to its teleconference line, counsel and defendant should call **(888) 363-4749 (toll free) or (215) 446-3662** and use Access Code **1703567**. (Members of the press and public may call the same number, but will not be permitted to speak during the conference.)

Dated: October 22, 2020
White Plains, NY

SO ORDERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vincent L. Briccetti', written over a horizontal line.

Vincent L. Briccetti
United States District Judge